

Traditional Knowledge and Resource Development



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Traditional knowledge: the concept



- Many terms, many definitions ...
- Emphasis on experience, cultural setting
- Much research, much discussion
 - Methods
 - Documentation
 - Comparison
 - Commentary
 - Politics
- Also much nonsense to sort through!



TK and Resource *Management*



- Much work has been done
- Good examples of applying TK
- Improvements for indigenous communities
- Concerns, too: co-optation, assimilation
- Overall, TK continues to gain traction



TK and Resource Development



- Not as much done here
- Environmental assessment (not prospecting)
- Tokenism
- Proprietary studies
- Progress?



Benefits to Northern Communities



- Involvement, especially with co-management
- Economic opportunity
- Better decisions?
- Pride? Self-respect?



Research Needs & Prospects



- Has TK influenced resource development?
- What is the role of power relations?
- How do TK holders see things?
- How do TK proponents see things?
- What infrastructure is needed?
- Is TK suited to resource development decisions?





Thank you!

